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Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner in the Final Office Action dated June 27, 2008, finally rejecting claims 8 to 18. Applicants believe that claims 8 to 18 in their present form should be allowed, and respectfully make this appeal of the Examiner's rejections of those claims.

In addition, Applicants are filing herewith an Amendment in the present application for consideration by the Patent Office. This is also a Request under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the three-month response date by three months from September 27, 2008 to December 29, 2008 (December 27, 2008 is a Saturday).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the 37 C.F.R. § 1.191 Notice of Appeal fee, which is believed to be **\$540.00**, and the extension fee amount of **\$1110.00** to the deposit account number **11-0600** of **Kenyon & Kenyon LLP**. The Commissioner is also authorized, as appropriate and/or necessary, to charge any additional fees, including any additional Rule 136(a) extension fees, or credit any excess fees to deposit account number **11-0600** of **Kenyon & Kenyon LLP**.

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